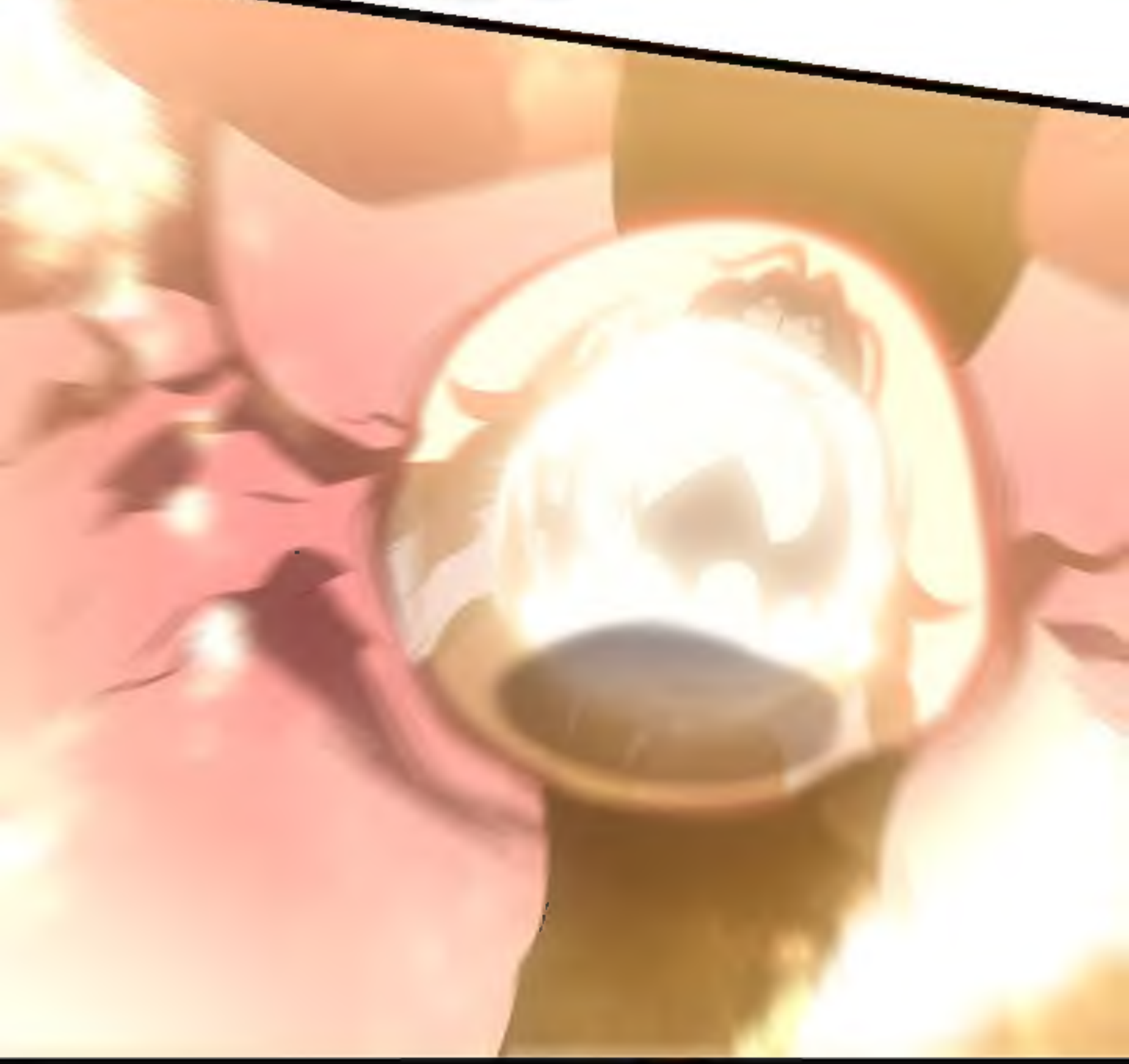


MR. SUNG,
I...



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URGH...!!




DAMN IT...
I SHOULD'VE
SEEN THIS
COMING.


SINCE MY SHADOW
ARMY ONLY GETS
STRONGER AS THE
BATTLE DRAGS ON,

THE ENEMY IS TRYING
TO SHORTEN THE FIGHT
BY GATHERING ALL THEIR
FORCES IN A SINGLE
LOCATION...!

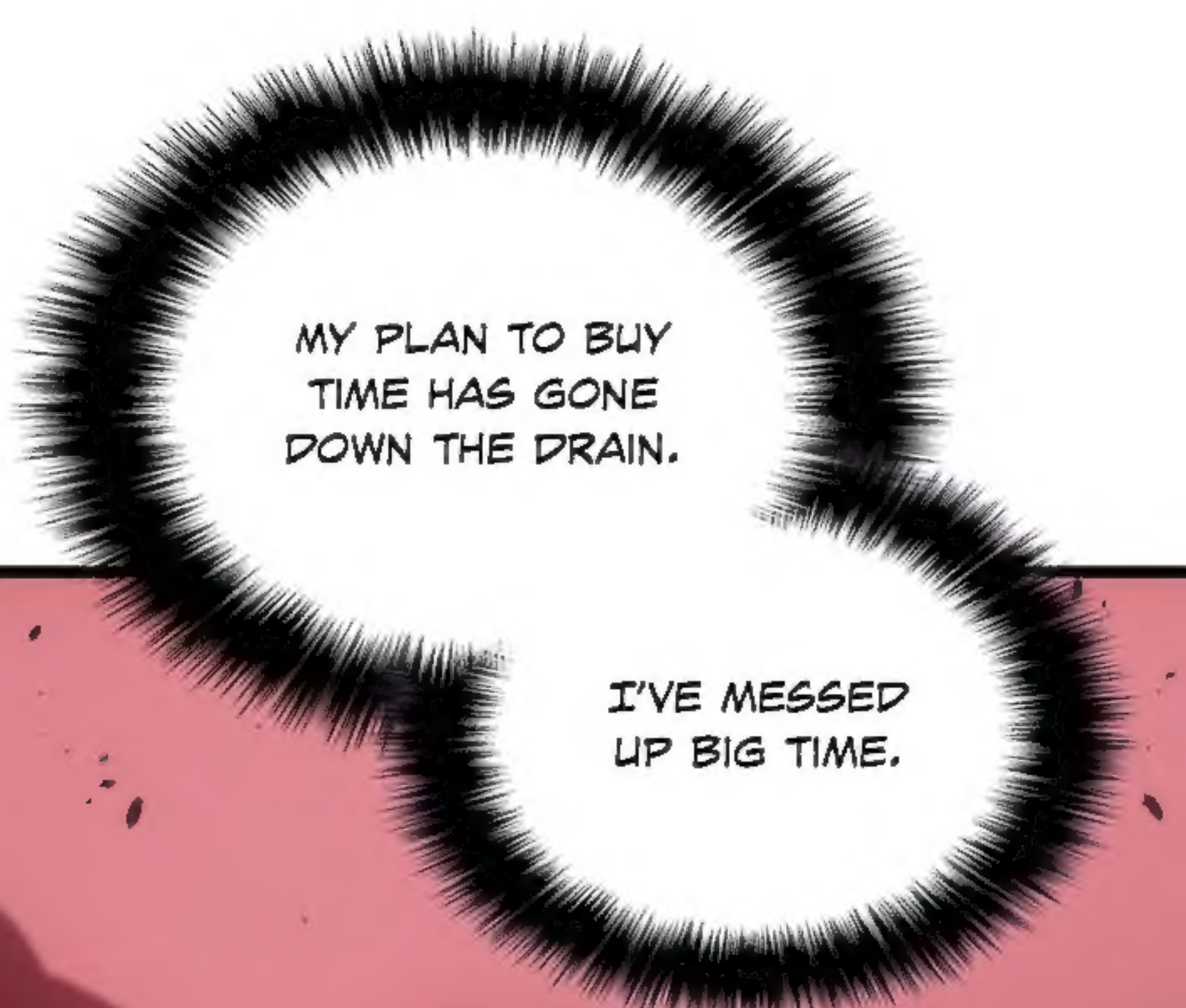
THE MONARCHS
OPENED ALL EIGHT
GATES AS IF THEY
WERE CARRYING ON
AS PLANNED...




...AND SENT ALL
THEIR FORCES TO THE
GATE FURTHEST AWAY
FROM ME.



GOING THERE NOW
WILL ONLY START AN
ALL-OUT WAR...



MY PLAN TO BUY
TIME HAS GONE
DOWN THE DRAIN.



I'VE MESSED
UP BIG TIME.



MR. SUNG...

S, SIR...
CANADA IS...

IS THERE REALLY
NOTHING I CAN DO?

I CAN HEAR THE
PULSING HEARTS
OF THESE LIVING
CREATURES...

...AND THEIR
SCREAMS...



THE SOUND OF
THEIR DEMISE...

...IS LIKE MUSIC
TO MY EARS.



LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE READY
NOW.



**DESTROY
EVERYTHING
IN SIGHT!**

**THAT IS OUR
SOLE MISSION!!**



THEY'RE
PROBABLY ALL
DEAD BY NOW.

THE HUNTERS,
THE AGENTS, THE
REPORTERS WHO
WERE FILMING
ON-SITE...

THERE WERE HUNDREDS
OF DRAGONS... FOLLOWED
BY A TIDAL WAVE OF
GIANTS, BEASTS,
AND INSECTS.

THIS DISASTER
IS BEYOND HUMAN
INTERVENTION.

THEY'RE
ALL DEAD.
IT'S OVER!

IT'S ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE THE
BEASTS CROSS INTO
AMERICA...

NOW I UNDERSTAND
WHY SLUNG JINWOO URGED
EVERYONE TO RUN AS FAR
AWAY FROM THE GATES
AS POSSIBLE.

THE WORLD IS
DONE FOR...

THAT'S RIGHT...
THIS IS THE END.


SHMP



M, MR. SUNG?

SORRY FOR
POPPING IN LIKE
THIS, BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING I NEED.

THE RUNE
STONE.



PLEASE GIVE
ME THE RUNE
STONE KAMISH
LEFT BEHIND.



...!!



BUT MR. SLUNG...
AS YOU KNOW, THE
FEDERAL BUREAU IS IN
CHARGE OF KAMISH'S
RUNE STONE...




WHAT THE HELL
AM I SAYING? THE
FEDERAL BUREAU
ISN'T IMPORTANT
RIGHT NOW.


THAT RUNE
STONE WILL MEAN
NOTHING IF THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY IS RAZED TO
THE GROUND.



MY APOLOGIES,
IT SEEMS I HAVEN'T
SOBERED UP YET.



I CAN GET YOU
THAT RUNE STONE.



BUT WHAT DO YOU
NEED IT FOR?



I'M GOING TO USE IT FOR
A COUNTERATTACK.

YOU SAID...

...THOSE "RULERS"
SENT THE BEASTS
HERE.

WHIRRR

THEN WHAT
EXACTLY ARE THESE
RUNE STONES WE
FOUND INSIDE THEIR
BODIES?

THEY'RE GIFTS FROM
THE RULERS THAT ARE
MEANT TO HELP US HUMANS
HUNT THE BEASTS WITH
MORE EFFICIENCY.

THE RULERS WANT
US TO FIGHT THEM WITH ALL
OUR MIGHT, SO THAT MANA
IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT
THIS WORLD.

ANY DAMAGE WE
HUMANS SUFFER IS A
SIDE EFFECT OF THAT,
RATHER THAN THEIR
ULTIMATE GOAL.

WHEN A BEAST DIES,
THEIR ABILITIES ARE
AUTOMATICALLY SEALED
IN A STONE.

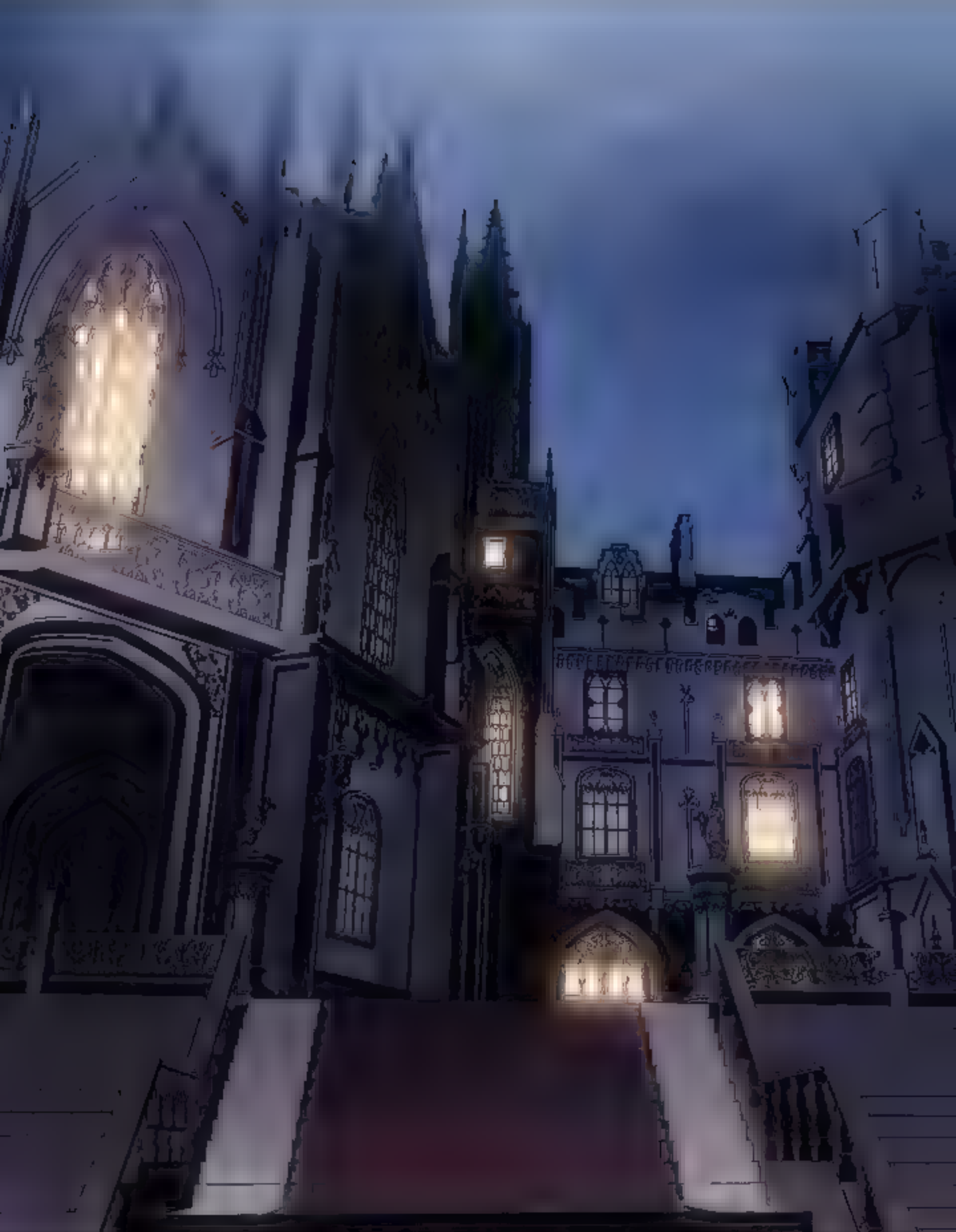
THE RULERS CREATED
THESE RUNE STONES
TO HELP THE HUMANS
HUNT THE BEASTS.

IS THIS REALLY ALL
YOU NEED TO STOP
THE BEASTS?

THERE'S ONLY ONE
WAY TO FIND OUT.

BY THE WAY,
MAY I ASK YOU FOR
ANOTHER FAVOR?

?



I WASN'T
EXPECTING A VISITOR
AT A TIME LIKE THIS.



YOU'RE...



...NOT THE SAME
PERSON I KNEW
IN THE PAST.

BEFORE, THE
DARKNESS DWELLED
DEEP WITHIN YOU.

BUT NOW,
YOU'RE DARKNESS
ITSELF.

I'M STILL THE
SAME PERSON
YOU REMEMBER,
MS. SELNER.

THE ONLY
DIFFERENCE IS THAT
I'VE BECOME ONE
WITH THE DARKNESS
YOU SAW INSIDE ME.

YOU SAID YOU CAN
SEE THE FUTURE,
RIGHT?





MR. SLUNG...

DRIP

ARE YOU
REALLY...

SQUEEZE

...GOING TO SHOULDER
EVERYTHING ALONE?




BUT HOW...?



HOW CAN ONE
PERSON CARRY
SUCH A CRUEL
BURDEN...?


ARE YOU PLANNING
ON SACRIFICING
YOURSELF FOR THE
GREATER GOOD?



WHAT A RELIEF.
THAT MEANS MY
PLAN WILL WORK.

**A RELIEF,
YOU SAY?!**

**NO ONE WILL BE
ABLE TO REMEMBER
YOU. IT WILL BE A
LONESOME BATTLE!**



PLEASE EXCUSE
ME FOR BARGING
IN AND ASKING FOR
FAVORS LIKE THIS.

MR. SUNG!!








JINWOO?

IS THAT
REALLY YOU?

YES. I'M SORRY
I COULDN'T CALL.
I'VE BEEN PRETTY
BUSY RECENTLY.

NO WORRIES.
I'VE BEEN BUSY
MYSELF.



RIGHT. WE
HAVEN'T SEEN
EACH OTHER IN
A WHILE.



LET'S MEET UP
AGAIN SOON.

SURE. LET'S
DO THAT.



JINWOO.

HMM?

PROMISE ME...



...YOU'LL COME
TO SEE ME.

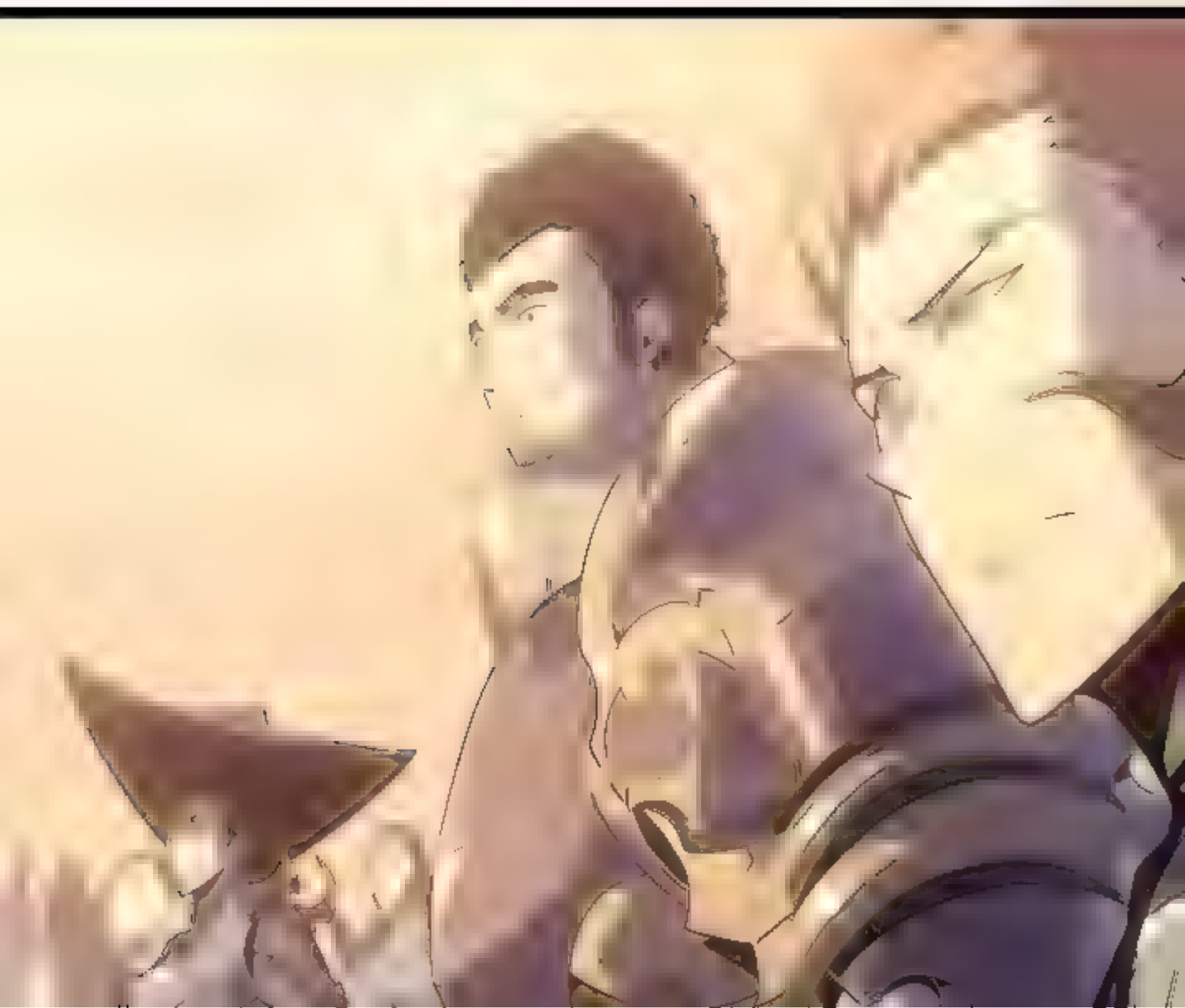


I PROMISE.

I'LL COME
TO SEE YOU, NO
MATTER WHAT.



WE SHOULD GET
GOING NOW.







THE ASIAN HUNTER ALLIANCE,
THE EUROPEAN HUNTER UNION,
THE AFRICAN GUILD COALITION,
AND THE CHINESE EMERGENCY
RESPONSE UNION...




HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS OF HUNTERS
WERE HEADING TO THE
BATTLEFIELD.








FLASH



MILLIONS OF
YOUR KIND HAVE
DIED ALREADY.



HOW MUCH
LONGER WILL YOU
STAY IN HIDING?

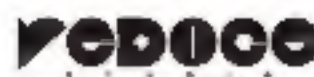


DON'T WORRY.
I'LL BE THERE
SOON.



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